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PRESS STATEMENT: 9. 4. 69.

FROM: ACTING LEADER OF OPPOSITION (MR. CORCORAN).

SUBJECT: DEPARTMENTAL HOMES.

The Acting Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Corcoran) today expressed alarm at information he had received that certain public servants living in Departmental homes were being given the opportunity of buying the house they occupied, or getting out.

He said he had received this information from a reliable source.

"Letters have been sent out to a number of public servants in the metropolitan area advising them that during the next few weeks their homes will be valued.

"It says that when the valuation is completed, the occupant will be given first opportunity to purchase it.

"If he does not wish to, the Land Board will offer it for sale.

"Clearly this means that the houses are to be sold over the heads of these public servants."

Mr. Corcoran said this indicated that perhaps the Government no longer intended to provide rental homes in the metropolitan area for its employees.

"Does this also mean that it is intended to eventually sell all departmental homes in the metropolitan area?"

"It is a ^{DISGRACEFUL} ~~appalling~~ situation when for no apparent reason this Government decides not only to increase rental for its employees, but also to virtually evict a number of them from their homes.